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Shipping Operations updated 23 July 2020

This weekly bulletin is compiled to give all stakeholders an overview of the current impact of COVID19 on Pacific shipping activities. It draws on sources from government, commercial and humanitarian sectors. The bulletin is circulated each Thursday.

Overview

Fiji Ports report a reduction in both cargo volumes and cargo vessel calls compared to June 2019.

There will be a repatriation voyage for Tokelau residents stranded in Samoa.

Shipping companies, governments and commercial entities in the Pacific region continue to respond to reduced cargo demand on reduced services. Freight rate increases have been implemented on the majority of routes bringing cargo into the region. Solomon Islands and Marshall Islands have eased quarantine regulations and shipping companies are now reporting minimal delays. Tuvalu maintains a quarantine period for landed cargo of 3 days. Kiribati enforces a 5 day quarantine period for landed cargo if the cargo has not been in sealed containers for more than 5 days prior to arrival in Kiribati ports.

Difficulties in facilitating crew change continue to be one of the most pressing issues facing the global shipping industry. This has generated additional complications and costs for shipping companies. Limited crew changes are being conducted in Fiji and New Zealand. Globally there is a huge back-log of ships' crew who have either completed their contracts on board or are onshore waiting to join ships.

No PICTs are currently reporting food security issues, or fuel shortages due to interrupted shipping supply, as far as we are aware.

State / Territory	Date	Source	Details
American Samoa	13-Jul-20	Samoan Shipping Corporation FB	Cargo trips between Apia and Pago Pago increased to two voyages per week from 16 July. <i>MV Fatu-O-Samoa</i> sails between the two islands for cargo only.
	07-Jul-20	Neptune Pacific Australia	Neptune Pacific Line (NPL) wishes to advise that following various schedule delays linked to Covid 19, port congestion and labour availability that the <i>Kokopo Chief v25</i> will now commence her voyage in Melbourne on 16th July. This voyage services Fiji, Vanuatu and American Samoa
Cook Islands	30-Jun-20	Cook Islands Port Authority	Rarotonga and Aitutaki continue to receive 2 international cargo vessels per month with steady cargo volumes. Outer islands are well serviced by the domestic fleet. Kwa'i's voyage to the northern group from Hawai'i has been declined by the border agencies and the Ministry of Transport due to COVID19. Cook Islands will keep their borders closed until at least 30 September.
	15-Jul-20	Matson Schedule	<i>Island Chief V007N</i> is next scheduled vessel. ETA Rarotonga 25 July/ Aitutaki 27 July
Fiji	23-Jul-20	Fiji Ports/ Ministry of Health	Crew change is permitted on a case by case basis. Approval must be granted by the Prime Minister's Office. Cargo volumes have dropped by 11 to 15% compared to last year. Cargo vessel calls are down from an average of 26-28/month to 22-25/month. (June figures)
	06-Jul-20	PDL Trade Notice/ Neptune Pacific Schedule	The New Zealand-Fiji feeder service will be reduced from four sailings per month to three, and the Australia-Fiji service will continue to operate on an 18 day frequency. Our objective is to maintain the highest service levels possible while reducing operating costs necessary to ensure that we are able to provide an economically sustainable service over the medium term. <i>Capitaine Dampier</i> - alternate sailings are blanked at least until end of August.
	18-Jul-20	Radio NZ Pacific	The first yacht under the Fiji government's "Blue Lane" initiative has arrived in the country. The FBC reported two New Zealanders were on-board the vessel which berthed at the Port Denarau Marina in Nadi - the official port for the Blue Lane. This is the first foreign vessel permitted entry into Fiji since Covid-19 restrictions have been in place since March.
	08-Jun-20	Swire News (Website)	After a long period of declining ocean freight rates and escalating operating costs, Swire Shipping is required to implement a rate restoration to Fiji in order to maintain our existing frequency and port coverage. From: North Asia: China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. Southeast Asia: Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Malaysia, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The Gulf and South Asia: The UAE, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia To: Suva and Lautoka. Rate Restoration Quantum 20' FCL: US\$ 150 40' FCL: US\$ 300 Break-bulk: US\$ 8.50 per revenue ton
FSM	22-Jul-20	Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule	The East Micronesia Service (EMS) will make calls to Kosrae based on inducement on alternate voyages, until the end of the year. The Majuro South Pacific Service (MSP) service has resumed the regular rotation to call LTK - MAJ - KSA - PNI, now that Marshall Island quarantine restrictions have eased.
French Polynesia	20-Jul-20	Radio NZ Pacific	Cruise ship tourism has restarted in French Polynesia after a four-month interruption because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Paul Gauguin which has a capacity for 332 passengers, was just under half full, with all travellers being locals.
Kiribati	22-Jul-20	PDL Schedule	<i>Capitaine Quiros V087N</i> ETA Kiritimati (Christmas) Island 23-26 July
	22-Jul-20	PDL Schedule	<i>Capitaine Wallis V354</i> ETA Tarawa 26 July
	22-Jul-20	Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule	MELL will omit Tarawa from Majuro South Pacific (MSP) schedule until March 2021.
Marshall Islands	23-Jun-20	Kiribati Department of Health	Foreign vessels at seaports - only cargo ships and tankers allowed to enter, provided they are clear in line with relevant documents provided for verification to enter. Cargo ships and tankers should spend at least 5 days at high seas or outside our ports, before entry. Strict SOPs are to be implemented and followed at ports, e-communications to be followed, and no crew shore leave at all. Containers are to be disinfected at ports and to be released provided the consignments have been sealed in containers for more than 5 days before reaching Kiribati ports.
	10-Jul-20	SeaPorts Division - RMI Port Authority	New Advisory: To make sure that we can allow food and supplies to enter the country, all container vessels and fuel tankers are exempt but are strictly required to spend 14 days outside of the RMI after departure and prior to arrival at the RMI pilot station. All container vessels and fuel tankers that have a history of entering RMI ports that have the same crewmembers on board as verified by MOHHS and immigration are exempt from the 14-day quarantine. For vessels that have changed crews, new crew members must show 21 days of consistent health checks prior to arrival and those new crewmembers with valid negative test results must have consistent health checks along with other existing crew prior to arrival in the Marshall Islands. Vessels with newer crewmembers, with fewer days on board will be required to complete the 14 days at sea prior to entry and cargo operations. All container vessels and fuel tankers must adhere to the National Disaster Committee approved Standard Operating Procedures - Maritime (SOP). Human to human contact is strictly prohibited.
	16-Jun-20	Kyowa Shipping	Vessels can't enter Majuro port after 14-days since calling at an infected country. In our current rotation, Guam and Japan are infected countries. Usually our vessel calls Japan- Guam-FSM, RMI. But to avoid waiting time, we put some additional port (Yap & Koror).
Nauru	09-Jul-20	Mariana Express Line (MELL) Schedule	The Majuro South Pacific Service (MSP) service have resumed the regular rotation to call LTK - MAJ - KSA - PNI, now that Marshall Island quarantine restrictions have eased.
	13-Jul-20	Neptune Pacific	<i>Capitaine Quiros V88N</i> Nauru ETA 16 August
New Caledonia	14-Jul-20	Neptune Pacific Line(NPL) Trade Notice	Nauru - Removal of Temporary Quarantine Surcharge (TOS) The temporary quarantine surcharge of USD 349/teu announced on 22nd April will be suspended, effective on cargo loading on the <i>Capitaine Quiros V88N</i> .
	23-Jul-20	Neptune Pacific	Neptune Pacific Line (NPL) wishes to advise that following various schedule delays linked to Covid 19, port congestion and labour availability that the <i>Kokopo Chief v25</i> will now commence her voyage in Melbourne on 16th July. ETA Noumea 30 July
New Zealand	13-Jul-20	Wilhelmsen Website	New Zealand has enforced more stringent and simplified criteria for crew change from designated major ports. https://wilhelmsen.com/ships-agency/campaigns/coronavirus/COVID19-Crew-Change/nz-crew-change-requirements/
Niue	22-Jul-20	Matson Schedule and Matson Agent	<i>Island Chief V007N</i> is next scheduled vessel on 29 July. The ship is calling at Niue monthly. <i>Olamana</i> replaces <i>Island Chief</i> on 3 August
Papua New Guinea	23-Jul-20	Swire NZ	Ports of entry continue to be: Pom, Lae, Rabaul and Madang. No shore leave is allowed. Passengers may enter PNG only at the Int Airport and will face a quarantine period unless exempt. More Covid-19 cases have been confirmed in port Moresby.
Pitcairn	21-Jul-20	Marine Traffic/Pitcairn Administrator	The <i>Silver Supporter</i> arrived in Tauranga 20 July. The vessel carried COVID19 PPE supplies. The vessel is chartered by Pitcairn Island and sails to meet demand.
Samoa	10-Jul-20	Pacific Direct Line	To ensure the delivery of all cargo booked for Tonga & Samoa's in July, <i>Capitaine Dampier V167</i> will call Nuku'alofa directly after Auckland to support the Southern Trader V477 on this trade. Southern Trader V477 will sail directly to Apia and operate on a reverse rotation, and all Nuku'alofa cargo will load on the <i>Capitaine Dampier V167</i> .
	13-Jul-20	Samoan Shipping Corporation FB	Cargo trips between Apia and Pago Pago increased to two voyages per week from 16 July. <i>MV Fatu-O-Samoa</i> sails between the two islands for cargo only.
	14-Jul-20	Samoa Shipping Corporation FB and website	There are daily domestic shipping services between Upolu and Savai'i, except on Sunday, for cargo, vehicles and passengers. There was a LPG cargo service on 6-7 July.
	14-Jul-20	Tradco Shipping Agent	The situation continues to be the same whereby we apply for exemptions to the committee in the time frame given for each incoming vessel and wait for them to approve/decline dependent on the information we provide. We are receiving exemptions for ships from PNG to berth earlier than 5 days.

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Solomon Islands	14-May-20	Solomon Island Govt Sea cargo clearance protocol. Updated 12 May 2020 v3	Foreign Cargo Vessel Quarantine Period: Fourteen (14) clear days at sea or a combination at sea and at anchor in the Solomon Islands UNLESS (a) If the last port of call is from a country designated in Tier 1 – Five (5) clear days OR (b) If the last port of call is from a country designated in Tier 2 – Nine (9) clear days OR (c) If the last port of call is from a country designated in Tier 3 – Fourteen (14) clear days TIER 1. 5 DAYS - PAPUA NEW GUINEA FIJI NEW CALEDONIA VANUATA NAURU TONGA KIRIBATI TUVALU TIER 2. 9 DAYS - AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND SOUTH KOREA TIER 3. 14 DAYS - CHINA HONG KONG (SAR) MACAU (SAR) CHINESE TAIPEI JAPAN SINGAPORE MALAYSIA THAILAND INDONESIA PHILIPPINES ITALY UNITED KINGDOM USA SPAIN Shipping Agents for Category 1, 2, or 3 vessels may apply to the Exemptions Committee for consideration for clearance less than the stipulated number of days under that tier. Such applications will only be considered based upon the urgency of need for those goods.
Tokelau	23-Jul-20	Govt of Tokelau Dept of Transport and Support Services	Repatriation voyage for Tokelau nationals who have been stranded in Samoa. This voyage is only open to those who normally reside on the three atolls. Mataliki V198 Scheduled to depart Apia 26 July Fakaofu/Nukunonu/Atafu Return Apia 29 July. The vessel will carry essential cargo only.
Tonga	10-Jul-20	Pacific Direct Line	To ensure the delivery of all cargo booked for Tonga & Samoa's in July, Capitaine Dampier V167 will call Nuku'alofa 29-30 July directly after Auckland to support the Southern Trader V477 on this trade. Southern Trader V477 will sail directly to Apia and operate on a reverse rotation, and all Nuku'alofa cargo will load on the Capitaine Dampier V167.
Tuvalu	23-Jul-20	PDL Schedule/ Marine and Port Services Tuvalu	Capitaine Wallis V355 ETS Funafuti 5-6 August. The quarantine period has been reduced from 9 days to 3 days (held in the harbour) for cargo landed in Funafuti. Normal shipping schedule is being followed
Vanuatu	23-Jul-20	Neptune Pacific Australia	Neptune Pacific Line (NPL) wishes to advise that following various schedule delays linked to Covid 19, port congestion and labour availability that the Kokopo Chief v25 will now commence her voyage in Melbourne on 16th July. This voyage services Fiji, Vanuatu and American Samoa. ETA Port Vila 31 July
	14-Jul-20	Vanuatu Daily Post / Pacific Security Hub	Public holidays have been declared from 23 July to 3 August to celebrate 40 years of independence. The State of Emergency has been extended until the end of the year.
	23-Jul-20	Enhanced Integrated Framework	Vanuatu has managed to do what no other Pacific island country yet has – take their customs and biosecurity processes online. The country's Electronic Single Window system enables businesses to submit and pay for import and export certificates, licenses and permits online. https://trade4devnews.enhancedif.org/en/impact-story/vanuatu-leading-pacific-digitising-customs-and-biosecurity-clearance?fbclid=IwAR336k6HIV94PIX9WxjxHV847xmZ_S1R2_v0-CxStPIBO25msxgYo2DnPB
	23-Jul-20	Australian Defence Force (ADF)	HMAS Chules sailed from Sydney, Australia to Port Vila. No third party cargo carried
Wallis and Futuna	23-Jul-20	PDL Schedule	Capitaine Wallis V 354 sailed from Futuna on 21 July.
Shipping Line			
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Kyowa Shipping	14-Jul-20	Kyowa Shipping	While the cargo ex China appears to be gradually recovering, it is expected that there will be a huge drop in the car transportation sector.
Kwai	02-Jul-20	Kwai Shipping	Kwai will conduct another plastic collection voyage in the Pacific Gyre. There are no cargo voyages scheduled in the coming month.
Mariana Express Lines (MELL)	06-Jul-20	MELL Schedule	THE Majuro South Pacific (MSP) service will alter rotation to call LTK - KSA - MAJ - PNI to shorten the quarantine period at Majuro. MELL vessels servicing Solomon Islands and PNG will now call Honiara, SI before Lae, PNG to accommodate quarantine restrictions. Vessels will schedule 3 days at anchor before discharge for each call in Honiara. The Micronesia Express service will omit the port of Shekou until further notice owing to the 2019-nCoV issue. The East Micronesia Service (EMS) will make calls to Kosrae based on inducement on alternate voyages until the end of the year.
Matson	23-Jul-20	Matson	Olomana Voy 122 replaces the Island Chief 3 August 2020.
Neptune Pacific	07-Jul-20	Neptune Pacific Australia	Neptune Pacific Line (NPL) wishes to advise that following various schedule delays linked to Covid 19, port congestion and labour availability that the Kokopo Chief v25 will now commence her voyage in Melbourne on 16th July. This voyage services Fiji, Vanuatu and American Samoa
	02-Jun-20	Neptune Pacific Australia	While the reduction in the number of sailings coupled with the lower fuel price is making a material difference in operating costs, we also need to implement a modest rate increase on the NZ -Fiji and Australia- Fiji services. The net impact is that the current freight costs applicable in May and June will have a net increase of US\$100/TEU effective from the Kokopo Chief V25 sailing from Melbourne on the 5th July and the Capitaine Tasman V32 sailing from Tauranga on the 3rd July 2020. https://www.neptunepacific.com/news-2/current-news/
	14-Jul-20	Neptune Pacific Line(NPL) Trade Notice	Nauru - Removal of Temporary Quarantine Surcharge (TQS) The temporary quarantine surcharge of USD 349/teu announced on 22nd April will be suspended, effective on cargo loading on the Capitaine Quiros V88N.
Pacific Direct Line (PDL)	16-Jun-20	PDL Trade Notice	Freight rates from Asia to the Pacific Islands have been declining to unsustainable levels and require an adjustment to ensure the continuation of our regular shipping services on this trades. A Rate Restoration of USD 100 per teu from Asia to all Pacific Island ports for all cargo shipped on board from Asia on or after 15th of July 2020.
	02-Jun-20	PDL Trade Notice	The New Zealand-Fiji feeder service will be reduced from four sailings per month to three, and the Australia-Fiji service will continue to operate on an 18 day frequency. Our objective is to maintain the highest service levels possible while reducing operating costs necessary to ensure that we are able to provide an economically sustainable service over the medium term.
Swire	08-Jun-20	Swire News (Website)	After a long period of declining ocean freight rates and escalating operating costs, Swire Shipping is required to implement a rate restoration to Fiji in order to maintain our existing frequency and port coverage. From: North Asia: China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. Southeast Asia: Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Malaysia, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The Gulf and South Asia: The UAE, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia To: Suva and Lautoka. Rate Restoration Quantum 20' FCL: US\$ 150 40' FCL: US\$ 300 Break-bulk: US\$ 8.50 per revenue ton
	02-Jun-20	Swire NZ	East South East Asia (ESAE) Schedule: Reduction in vessels on the route from 4 to 3 on a 20 day rotation. This schedule calls several ports in PNG, Fiji and NZ
General Update			
General Update	Date	Source	Details
International Maritime Virtual Summit of Crew Change	13-Jul-20	International Maritime Organisation (IMO)	During the Summit, 13 Governments from across the world, i.e. Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States, agreed to a Joint statement of the international maritime virtual summit on crew changes, set out in the annex, expressing their appreciation to seafarers and pledging to urgently resolve issues concerning them that have arisen due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director-General of ILO supported the outcome of the Summit. http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Documents/COVID%20CL%204%204%20adds/Circular%20Letter%20No.4204-Add.24%20-%20Coronavirus%20(Covid-19)%20-%20Outcome%20of%20The%20International%20MaritimeVirtual%20Summit%20on%20Crew%20Change.pdf
Joint statement of the international maritime virtual summit on crew changes	10-Jul-20	UK Government	The inability of ship operators worldwide to conduct ship's crew changes is the single most pressing maritime operational challenge to the safe and efficient movement of global trade. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/joint-statement-of-the-international-maritime-virtual-summit-on-crew-changes